

SONIC CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
HUDSON J CLIFFORD

(Last) (First) (Middle)

300 JOHNNY BENCH DRIVE

(Street)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK 73104

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
SONIC CORP [SONC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/14/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

Chief Executive Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/14/2012		M	11,880 (1) A \$ 0	542,582	I	By self as trustee of trust
Common Stock	01/14/2012		F	4,294 (2) D \$ 6.71	538,288	I	By self as trustee of trust
Common Stock					120,518 (3)	I	By 401(k)
Common Stock					343,056	I	By spouse as trustee of trust
Common Stock					45,220 (4)	D	

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- (2) Shares were withheld by the issuer to cover the minimum tax withholding requirements associated with the vesting of the 11,880 Restricted Stock Units.
- (3) Shares held in the Sonic Corp. 401(k) as of January 17, 2012.
- (4) The total number of shares beneficially owned directly includes 3,431 shares held in the 1991 Sonic Corp. Stock Purchase Plan as of January 17, 2012.
- (5) The reporting person owns 21% of the family limited liability company and disclaims beneficial ownership of the issuer's shares held by the family limited liability company except to the extent of his pecuniary interest.

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